ASTERISK

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YOU WANT TO STICK TOGETHER?
I DON'T REALLY MIND
THE MANIFIS HAVE INCREASED RECENTLY
DEAN TOLD ME THAT IT WAS A HASSLE TO STICK WITH SOMEONE
Thank GOD
SO THANK YOU, KIO.
SO YOU'RE NOT TOGETHER TODAY?
YOU MEAN FRAW? HE'S GIVING A CLASS
HE'LL HAVE HIS OWN CLASS NEXT SPRING, SO HE'S HELPING LORD WEI WITH HIS FOR NOW

ANTE... WHAT'S ON YOUR ARM?
THIS?
I FOUND IT EARLIER UP A TREE.
OH, SILK, HOW ARE YOU?
HU HU
IT'S ONLY ONE, AND NOT VERY STRONG
T... TAKE. TAKE IT.
THERE'S A MANIFIS IN IT.
IT'S NOT DANGER-OUS YET.
CAN'T YOU PULL JUST THE MANIFIS OUT?
WE'LL WAIT UNTIL IT TAKES ON A HUMAN FORM.

A TECHNIQUE TO EXTRACT JUST THE MANIFIS?
YOU'LL HAVE TO BUILD UP A BIT MORE EXPERIENCE FOR THAT.
THAT'S THE ONE THING I CAN'T TEACH YOU.
IF ONLY I COULD DO THAT, I'D BE ABLE TO FREE THE POSSESSED SOULS FROM THEIR SUFFERING MUCH QUICKER.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT NOW.
EVEN FOR YOU, KIO?
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE, APPARENTLY.

BUT IF I KEEP WORKING ON IT,
I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO DO IT SOMEDAY.

STRANGELY, WHEN IT'S KIO TELLING YOU "IT'LL BE ALRIGHT," YOU'RE ABLE TO FEEL SECURE.
KIO WOULD ALWAYS KEEP ON SAYING "I'LL DO IT," AS IF IT WAS SOMETHING OBVIOUS
WHERE OTHER ANGELS WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP.
Fwsh
Float
LET'S BRING THEM TOGETHER.
Ah!
EH? WHICH ONE?
THAT ONE GLOWED BRIGHTLY
IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO MEET.
IT'S THE SAME LIGHT AS THE WOMAN COMING FROM INSIDE THAT SHOP.

THE ONE DESTINED TO BE HER FUTURE COMPANION IS IN THAT SHOP
SHE WENT IN THE SHOP
Boh!
SHOEMAKER
Float
Ah
OH NO, GEEZ
Pop
Kya!
SNAP
IT'S SAD TO WATCH TWO PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT LIGHTS SUFFERING WHEN THEY GET TOGETHER.
BUT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR TWO HUMANS WITH THE SAME LIGHT TO END UP TOGETHER.
WHAT THEY DO NEXT IS UP TO THEM.
THAT'S HOW MUCH WE ANGELS CAN DO.
BUT USING THE SAME FEATHER TECHNIQUE TWICE ON THE SAME HUMAN WON'T WORK
YOU CAN TRY,
DOES THAT HAPPEN A LOT?
OCCA-SION-ALLY
CAN'T YOU BRING THE TWO WITH THE SAME LIGHT TOGETHER AGAIN?

MINE'S NOT...
YOURS SOUNDS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT...
YOUR DUTY SOUNDS REALLY HARD.
Wa... What!?
Eek
Slam
Sush

SFX SLAM
Raaah
WAH!
Clatter
Crumble
Clatter
DON'T BE SO SCARED.
SEE, IT'S ALREADY OVER.
Here, you can have it back
YOU'RE SMILING TOO MUCH, KIO
SORRY, SORRY

(Note) Humans can't see her.
EXCUSE ME...
THERE WAS NO NEED TO.
TIME WASN'T STOPPED, JUST NOW!?
whispering
YOU'LL MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A WEIRDO TOO!
HA...
make shake
AH, SORRY.
I GOT RID OF THE EVIL BEING.
YOU CAN GO TO HEAVEN NOW.
Em-
THEY CAN REFUSE TOO?
OCCA-SIONALLY
SHE MIGHT STILL HAVE SOMETHING KEEPING HER HERE.
BUT WHAT IF SHE GETS POS-SESSED AGAIN?

Fwssssh
KI... KIO
WE SHOULD CALL FOR HELP AFTER ALL
PLEASE HELP, SIR ANGEL
Fwssssh
I'M COOOLD
THEN USE YOUR WINGS TO WARM YOU UP.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S ALRIGHT, THE TWO OF US WILL DO THE SEARCH
BUT THERE AREN'T ANY TREES AROUND HERE.

POP
HISS
SSSSS
Huh?
WHAT?
THE ENGINE IS BEING WEIRD
I'VE NEVER RIDDEN IT IN SUCH COLD WEATHER
<SFX: PUMP>
PLOP
WILL IT ALWAYS END UP LIKE THIS WHEN I'M WITH YOU?
Last time we fell off the bike, too
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH... BUT I CAN'T MOVE MY WINGS BECAUSE OF THE COLD.
Are you okay Crea?
IS THAT PLACE STILL FAR?

DON'T WORRY, THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE NO LAND-MARKS
IT'S AROUND HERE, RIGHT?
Maybe
YOU'VE GOTTEN LOST?
SORRY
Err...
Err...
COULD YOU TELL US ONCE MORE WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN?
I HAD ENTERED THE VICINITY OF A MAN WHO HAD GONE MISSING WHILE CLIMBING THIS MOUNTAIN.
BUT WHEN THAT AWFUL THING TRIED TO POSSESS ME, AN ANGEL APPEARED AND SAVED ME.
THEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE TERRIBLE THINGS THAT HAD POSSESSED ANOTHER REMAINING SOUL.
AND THEN THERE WAS AN AVA-LANCHE ...

crunch
I'LL TRY TO LOOK FOR A LIGHT INSIDE THE SNOW
BUT IF I DON'T SEE ANYTHING, IT MIGHT ALSO MEAN HE ISN'T HERE ANYMORE BECAUSE HE WAS ALREADY SAVED
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ANTE
NOW IS IT?
Err
HMM?
I FOUND HIM.
I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT HE'S SOMEWHERE THAT WAY, NOT VERY DEEP... HM?
ANTE, PULL YOUR HAND OUT.

(SFX: HUFF)
(SFX: LUNGE)
whaah!

(SFX SLAM)
(SFX FINISH)
THERE ARE MORE BENEATH US.
CREPE, COME HERE
KIO.
NOW GO!
YOU'LL HAVE TO RESCUE HIM.
I'LL DRAW THEM OUT.

(SFX: BOOM)
HE'S MANIPULATING THE SNOW!?

ばさっ
(SFX: RIP?)

Roll
OVER THERE!
<SFX RUMBLE>
It's coming this way!
EH?
THE ONE MANIPULATING THE SNOW...
So he can't attack higher
Flap
Stretch
WHERE IS HE?
Swsh

waah!
<SFX: BOOM>
<SFX: POP>
SORRY, ANTE.
. THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, KIO. .
TO SEND IT FLYING RIGHT BEHIND WHERE I AM
AH,
BUT THIS LIGHT ..!
<SFX: RUMBLE>

Rumble
<SFX: BOOM>
You bastard!
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL WORK WELL IN WATER... BUT...
<SFX: RUNNING>
HIS SPEED'S IMPRESSIVE
Rumble

(SFX: RUMBLE)
Gwah!
(SFX: SLAM)
(SFX: BOOM)
GOOD, HE'S OUT!

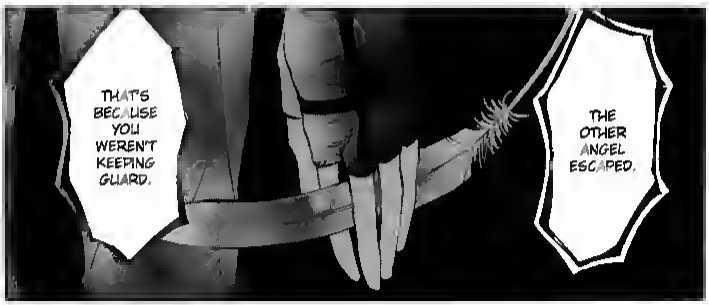
Flap
IT'S COMING OUT
SFX FINSHY
SFX BOOM XY
ICE NOW?
Silk are you okay?
Wow!

Grab
AND AGAIN YOU JUMP IN ON YOUR OWN.
LET'S BURY YOU IN THE SNOW, TOO.
Crunch
Crunch
Crunch
YOU CAN'T MOVE?
Hehehe
AS EXPECTED, ANGELS ARE WEAK AGAINST THE COLD.
THE ANGEL I BURIED EARLIER IS STILL RESISTING, BUT HE'S GROWING WEAK
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE EAT HIM.
Sizzle

THE OTHER ANGEL'S DISAP-PEARED.
EEH!?
JUST A LITTLE MORE
ERR, ERR
Scrape
Scrape
slither
KWSH
Swoosh
KIO!?
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
RUMBLE
THE SNOW'S ATTACK-ING AGAIN!
RUMBLE
Twitch
KIO?

(SFX SLAM)
DUCK!
Eh?
Flake
Flake

sigh
I COULDN'T GET OUT OF THERE FOR SOME REASON.
THANK YOU.
TIG...


THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T KEEPING GUARD.
THE OTHER ANGEL ESCAPED.

Eeeek
IT DOESN'T MATTER, WE'LL CAPTURE HIM RIGHT AWAY.
DON'T LET THIS ONE ESCAPE.
Eeeeek
HE ESCAPED?
THEN
NO NEED TO HOLD BACK NOW

Uwah!
Swish
Rumble
IT'S COMING AGAIN!?
NO, IT'S DIFFERENT.
FLY, ANTE!
EH!?
BUT, ERR... I CAN'T USE MY WINGS HERE...
SLAM
SLAM
SWOOSH
KIO...
WHO'S DOWN THERE?
THERE'S WIND COMING FROM BELOW
KIO!?
HE'S MASTERED SUCH AN ADVANCED TECHNIQUE?

(SFX: FWOOSH)
WHAT'S THAT!
Eeek
WE CAN'T ESCAPE!
Gyaaah
I'VE CAPTURED YOU ALL.
GO BACK TO WHERE YOU COME FROM...

(SFX SHSH)
THE WHOLE LOT OF YOU!

Wah!
<SFX SLITHER>
THE MANIFIS!
DON'T WORRY
<SFX CRUMBLE>
<SFX BOOM>
THEY'RE ALREADY GONE.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
PUMP
<SFX: LUNGE>
Haa

Haah
Crumble
IT'S OVER.
KIO!
Fuhhp
HUH? TIG?
I'M AT MY LIMIT, TOO.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? THE BOTH OF YOU.
Wahhh!
PLOP PLOP
Hhh..?
Drop

I ENTERED THE BAGGAGE OF SOMEONE WHO WAS COMING HERE.
WE NEVER FOUND YOUR BODY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WE CAN FINALLY MEET...
HUH?
ERR ...?
AH ... HEY YOU, EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT NOW
YOU WERE USED BY AN EVIL BEING.
The soul that was possessed by the manifis
BUT I WAS POSSESSED BY A SCARY THING AND LOST MYSELF...
Flare
YES.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE
They're the same heart.
SO, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO GO BACK NOW?

...BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU ACQUIRE SUCH A TECHNIQUE WITHOUT ME KNOWING!
I got it already.
YOU... YOU'RE CRUSHING ME!
Grind
THANK YOU, KIOOOO.
ME TOO.
Pat
KIO, SOMEONE'S COMING FOR YOU.
Hmph
It's just that I never gave up!
What sort of training did you do?
I trained a lot!
FRAW.
Crunch
YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR WORK..
Ah.

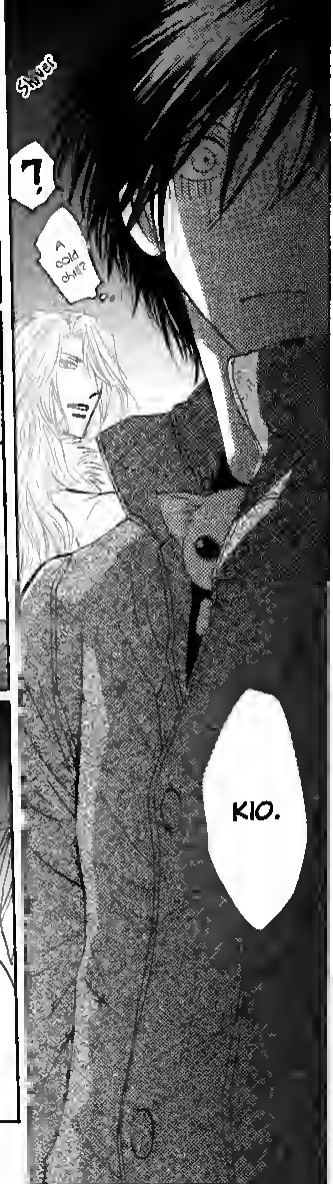
What is that injury?
AND AGAIN...
YOU OVERDO IT WHILE I'M NOT THERE...
ERR... WELL...
YOU SHOULD START WITH TIG...
He's hiding it, but it's already too late.
Clare
YOU GOT KIO MIXED UP IN THIS?
NO... I JUST HAPPENED TO BE THERE TOO...
IT'S NEVER GOOD GETTING INVOLVED WITH HIM!
ARE YOU STILL HOLDING A GRUDGE FOR THAT OLD STORY?
FRAW
Hello Milk
Mew~

Fwoosh
Crunch
THEY WERE ALL DESTROYED ...
SO THERE ARE PRETTY TOUGH ANGELS TO BE RECKONED WITH, TOO.
Fwoosh
glimmer
AN ANGEL'S FEATHER.
THE TIME FOR US TO EXIST UNDISTURBED IN THE OPEN HAS NOT YET COME
slip
HM?
THE COLOR OF THE SUN...
THE ANGEL FROM BACK THEN.
AS I THOUGHT, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AN ORDINARY ANGEL.
POP

IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE WORRYING YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN?
NO, NOT REALLY

Wah!
Grab

Wah,
I GOT IT, LET ME DOWN!
WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE ANGELS' WORLD!
BUT SOMEHOW I'M HAPPY FOR IT.
THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED. THOSE TWO


SHIVER
?
A GOOD OMEN?
KIO.